

FEBRUARY 7, 1845.

Read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SIMPSON, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported the following bill :

**A BILL**

To provide for the preservation of public steamships, by the application of Raub's and Barnum's self-acting safety valves, to prevent explosions of steam-boilers.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3       the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and required to  
4       have one of Raub's and Barnum's self-acting safety valves and fire  
5       extinguisher, known by the diagram called Barnum's, in the re-  
6       port of Professors Johnson and Jones, attached to the boilers of  
7       five of the public steamships of the United States; and that he  
8       report to Congress, as soon as may be, their efficiency in prevent-  
9       ing explosions and burning of ships.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That, for this purpose,*  
2       the sum of five thousand dollars be appropriated, to be paid out  
3       of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.